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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SUBJECT: Supporting Broadband Tower Facilities in Rural
America on Federal Properties Managed by the
Department of the Interior

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution
and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby
ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the executive branch
to use all viable tools to accelerate the deployment and
adoption of affordable, reliable, modern high-speed broadband
connectivity in rural America, including rural homes, farms,
small businesses, manufacturing and production sites, tribal
communities, transportation systems, and healthcare and
education facilities. Lowering the costs of broadband deployment
to rural areas can strengthen the business case for broadband
facilities deployment and therefore amplify investments in
broadband infrastructure. To that end, the executive branch will
seek to make Federal assets more available for rural broadband
deployment, with due consideration of national security
concerns.

Sec. 2. Supporting Broadband Deployment. (a) The Secretary
of the Interior (Secretary) shall develop a plan to support
rural broadband development and adoption by increasing access to
tower facilities and other infrastructure assets managed by the
Department of the Interior (DOI), consistent with applicable law
and to the extent practicable. DOI shall draft model terms and
conditions for use in securing tower facilities and other
infrastructure assets for broadband deployment.

(b) Within 180 days of the date of this memorandum, the
Secretary shall report to the Director of the Office of Science
and Technology Policy recording DOI's progress in identifying
the assets that can be used to support rural broadband
deployment and adoption.

Sec. 3. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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